AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented) A computer system, comprising:

a memory configured to store electronic image data corresponding to an original document having an electronic displayable verifiable provenance, and separately derived electronic displayable verification information corresponding to the provenance of at least part of the original document, and

an output configured to provide said image data and said verification information for display by the user to authenticate the original document.

2.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 wherein the image data has been obtained from an authenticated source, and the verification information includes data corresponding to the provenance of the authenticated source.

3.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 wherein data is fed to and from the memory under the control of a repository.

4.   (Original) A computer system according to claim 3 wherein the verification information comprises data concerning the provenance that has been subjected to authentication by the repository, and the verification information being configured to signal to the user that the repository provides such authentication.

5.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 2 wherein data stored in the memory cannot be altered by users.

6.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 3 including apparatus to receive the image data from a remote location.

7.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 including a scanner for scanning an original document to produce said image data.

8.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 including a repository agent including apparatus operable to send image data corresponding to an original image to the repository.

9.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 8 wherein the repository agent is operable to send the image data together with source authentication information to indicate to the repository that the image data has been sent from the agent.

10.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 wherein the verification information comprises predetermined accreditation indicia to be viewed by a user concurrently with the image data for authenticating individual parts of the original document.

11.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 wherein the verification information comprises accreditation data to be viewed by a user in a separate field associated with the image data for authenticating the original document.

12.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 wherein the image data and the verification information are stored in a common electronic file.

13.   (Original) A computer system according to claim 12 wherein the file is a PDF file.

14.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 including a server providing said memory and operable to host a website at which said image data and verification information is viewable by a user to authenticate the original document.

15.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 wherein said output is connected to the Internet.

16.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 wherein said image data and verification information in the memory is password protected so that the user can only gain access thereto by use of the password.

17.   (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1 wherein the image data and the verification information corresponding to the original document when stored in the memory collectively has an individual addressable identity.

18.   (Previously Presented) A method of operating a computer system according to claim 1 to provide said image data and said verification information for display by the user to authenticate the original document.

19.   (Currently Amended) A method of displaying a document for authentication, comprising:

      creating electronic image data corresponding to an original document having an electronic displayable verifiable provenance;

      providing electronic, displayable verification information corresponding to the provenance of at least part of the original document;[[,]] and

      displaying the image data and the verification information, to permit a user to authenticate the document.

20.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19 including receiving the image data from an authenticated source, storing the image data for display, and creating the verification information for the received image, wherein the verification information includes data corresponding to the provenance of the authenticated source.

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21.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19 including authenticating the source of the image data.

22.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18 including feeding the image data and the verification information to a memory under the control of a repository for display to users wishing to authenticate the original document.

23.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22 wherein only the repository can change the data in the memory.

24.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22 wherein the verification information comprises data concerning the provenance that has been authenticated by the repository.

25.   (Original) A method according to claim 24 wherein the repository communicates with the source of the image data to determine the provenance thereof and to develop said verification information.

26.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22 including feeding the image data to the repository from a remote location.

27.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22 including sending said image data corresponding to an original image from a repository agent to the repository.

28.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26 including sending the image data together with source authentication information to indicate to the repository that the image data has been sent from the repository agent.

29.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18 including configuring the verification information to include predetermined accreditation indicia viewable concurrently

with the image data for authenticating individual parts of the original document by a user that authenticates the document.

30.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18 including configuring the verification information to comprise accreditation data to be viewable by a user in a separate field associated with the image data for authenticating the original document.

31.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18 including storing the image data and the verification information are stored in a common electronic file.

32.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18 including storing the image data and the verification information are stored in a common electronic PDF file.

33.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18 including hosting a website at which said image data and verification information is viewable by a user to authenticate the original document.

34.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18 including authenticating the original document by viewing said electronic image data and the corresponding verification information.

35.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18 wherein said image data and verification information is password protected so that a user can only gain access thereto by use of the password, and including supplying the password to a user to permit the user to authenticate the original document.

36.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18 wherein the image data and the verification information corresponding to the original document collectively have an individual addressable identity and including supplying the individual addressable identity to a user to permit the user to access the data and information for authenticating the original document.

37.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 35 including supplying a hyperlink to the user.

38.   (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

a unit for processing an electrical signal for displaying a document for authentication to be received by a client computer operated by a user who wishes to authenticate the document, wherein the electronic signal comprises:

electronic image data corresponding to an original document having an electronic displayable verifiable provenance;[[,]] and

electronic, displayable verification information corresponding to the provenance of at least part of the original document.